

# The Farmington Times.

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## Hear Tetley

at

M. E. Church, South, Farmington  
Sunday Afternoon  
MAY 16th—3 o'clock

Subject: "Home Sweet Home"  
FUN PATHOS RELIGION

A sermon-lecture that was very popular on  
Chautauqua platform for Sunday evening address.  
You will be entertained and helped.

COME!

## A Prominent Citizen Passes

After a brave struggle with the grim monster, John L. Swink was finally overcome by death in the Bonne Terre hospital last Friday, where for about three weeks he battled against overwhelming odds with blood poisoning. From almost the first his physicians offered no hope to sorrowing family, relatives and friends. Deceased was held in highest honor and esteem in this community, where he spent so many years of his life, with malice toward none. His death, while not unexpected, nevertheless drew down a pall of sorrow over this community, where his friends are legion.

### JOHN LEE SWINK

Entered into his eternal rest, Friday, May 7th, 1920, aged 57 years, 7 months and 15 days. A native of California, he came with his parents to Missouri at the age of 8 years, coming to manhood at Festus, Mo. In early manhood he removed to St. Louis, where he engaged in the building business and later opened up and conducted a real estate business in the city of Maplewood, a suburb of St. Louis, and developed it to quite considerable proportions. During this time he organized and became the first president of the Bank of Maplewood; erected the first large business building in Maplewood, platted and sold a number of the subdivisions now composing the city. He was progressive and lent his support to every undertaking looking to the betterment of civic or moral surroundings. Maplewood owes much to his foresight and constructive undertakings. For a time he ceased active operations in Maplewood, and engaged in farming and stock raising in and near Farmington, Mo.; but later again opened his office in Maplewood, in which he was active until the end. In the business world his life was a success.

In early manhood he identified himself with the Christian church, was a charter member in, and one of the board of officers of the Maplewood Christian church, so long as he resided there, and on coming to Farmington became a member of the board, and a staunch supporter of the church in all its undertakings. He possessed a fine Christian spirit and exhibited the Christ spirit in a marked degree by being kind and helpful to the unfortunate about him. In the religious world he was counted worthy.

In his home life he was an ideal husband, a loving father, and a splendid host. He leaves to mourn him his beloved wife, Chessie J., a son, Earl, his mother, Mrs. J. E. Swink, all of Farmington, Mo., and two brothers, Emmett E. of Farmington, and Robert A. of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. J. E. Cover of Westfield, N. J., Mrs. O. A. Smith, Mrs. W. N. Fleming and Mrs. David Carlisle, all of Farmington; besides a number of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and a host of friends and acquaintances. He loved his home and was loved in it.

Funeral services were largely attended and were conducted from the Christian church by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Bailey. Interment was made in the Parkview cemetery at Farmington, Mo. A FRIEND.

### WM. MEYER WINS SECOND PLACE AT CAPE

Wm. Meyer, who represented Farmington in division "B" of the boys' declamatory contest at Cape Girardeau, won second place in his division. Through an error, William was placed in division "B" when he should have been placed in division "A". It is believed that had William been in his proper place he would have had a good chance to carry off first honors.

Misses Helen Karsch and Mary Tetley, who also went to the Cape to enter in the piano and girls' declamatory contest, respectively, did not place in their contests.

Miss Roberta Tetley accompanied the contestants to Cape Girardeau.

Herbert Klein, of St. Louis, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Klein.

When your heart stops beating and your brain stops thinking, your salary will stop supporting your family. Then the Equitable Life of N. Y. will start to pay them a monthly income for life—if you arrange for it before it is too late. Talk to Mr. Noland about it; office over the Bank of Farmington.

## Whither Are They Going?

On Friday a regiment of youths—nine in number—from Desloge, were brought before Probation Officer R. C. Tucker, charged with having burglarized a store at that place of a quantity of goods valued at \$75 to \$100. The most lamentable part of this incident is the fact that the ages of these juveniles ranged from 11 to 15 years—mere infants in years, yet already branching out into crime, as seven of the nine admitted that they were guilty as charged.

It is such circumstances as these that cause many parents to almost despair of the future of the rising generation. Those boys are now at the age when they should be receiving most watchful care of their parents, and no doubt some of them, at least, are members of good families, whose parents have been doing for them everything that good parents should do for their children. Yet there has been something wanting in their home training, either of omission or commission. Are parents losing knowledge of the correct way to bring up their offspring? It is certainly time that this question were receiving more careful and prayerful consideration of parents, if the very foundation of government is to remain intact.

### SHALL YOUR CHILDREN PICK FLOWERS OR RATTLE TIN CANS IN YOUR BACK YARD?

This is up to you. If you can not plant flowers, you can clean up. It is fly time and mosquito time. Why not make Farmington so clean and beautiful that she will feel like she has been re-created. Get rid of the old sheds, broken down fences that are of no service. Vacant lots that have been eyesores for years, plant in gardens and grass. These things may be done with little expense, but it will take work and co-operation. Every one must do their part. Work for your town. Have civic pride enough to make a dirty yard and premises a disgrace.

The city officials should see that our main streets are kept clean, make an inviting appearance to strangers within our gates. It will draw business enterprises to our town and thus promote prosperity.

### NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held at the regular polling places of the county of St. Francois on the First Tuesday in August, (August 3rd), 1920, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1920:

Senator in Congress for Missouri.

Governor.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Secretary of State.

State Auditor.

State Treasurer.

Attorney-General.

Judge Supreme Court, Division No. One. (Unexpired Term.)

Judge Supreme Court, Division No. Two. (Unexpired Term.)

Judge Supreme Court, Division No. Two. (Full Term.)

Judge St. Louis Court of Appeals.

Representative in Congress for Thirteenth District.

Representative in State Legislature for St. Francois County.

Judge of the County Court, First District, St. Francois County.

Judge of the County Court, Second District, St. Francois County.

Prosecuting Attorney of St. Francois County.

Sheriff of St. Francois County.

Treasurer of St. Francois County.

Assessor of St. Francois County.

Surveyor of St. Francois County.

Public Administrator of St. Francois County.

Coroner of St. Francois County.

Justices of the Peace.

Township Constables.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court of St. Francois County hereunto attached this 6th day of May, 1920.

(SEAL) MARVIN W. CROWDER,  
Clerk of the County Court.

May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Mrs. Hardesty and little daughter, of Cape Girardeau, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Harlan.

## Giant Motor Truck Expedition to Visit Farmington Next Monday

Complete arrangements for the reception of this unique calvacade have been made and the fleet will stop in town over night.

The expedition will be comprised of more than 60 trucks in line and will carry its own Military Band, which will render musical programs in all towns visited.

Prominent speakers who accompany the fleet will speak and lecture upon Good Roads and Transportation problems of the day.

Major A. L. Ford arrived in town on Friday to complete final arrangements and in an interview said:

"This is the year of the motor truck. There was approximately 800,000 in use in the United States last year. Its universal adoption has stimulated the movement for better roads and it is estimated that over \$800,000,000 will be spent on hard surfaced roads during 1920.

"To those who have given even meager thought and attention to the highways method of transportation, it is astonishing to learn how heavy a percentage of the American farmers are cognizant of the fact that the pneumatic tired truck is the only economic method whereby produce can be picked up in the field and transported to the door of the consumer, without the necessity of loading and unloading, so frequent with the waterways and the railroad methods.

"The efficiency of motor trucks on the farm has increased more by the development of pneumatic tires than by anything that has come to the industry in years.

"Pneumatics materially increase the life of the truck, reduce operating and

repair bills, give greater mileage on gas and lubricating oil. They afford traction that enables the truck to negotiate mud, sand and snow on and off roads when solid tired trucks would not operate. Their cushioning qualities permit of an increased minimum speed. Over rough roads this cushioning quality is of inestimable value when the shrinkage in livestock and the damage to perishable merchandise is taken into consideration."

Because of the rapidly increasing use of dump bodies by men who have formerly adhered to more conventional types, the Traffic Motor Truck Corporation of St. Louis has entered one of these popular bodies in the truck tour which will arrive in this city next Monday. As far as we know, this is the first dump body to be taken on a publicity tour and it should be of special interest to farmers and business men in this locality as it will handle almost any class of load in a quicker and more efficient manner than the ordinary truck bodies. The Traffic Corporation will also have a regular farmer's combination grain, express and stock rack body on this trip. As these trucks are built right here in this locality, they are of more than ordinary interest to our people.

A local committee, consisting of R. P. Lang, chairman, Mayor Clarence Tetley, E. A. Rozier, M. P. Cayce, H. W. Manley and Harry Denman, is planning to meet the fleet at the edge of town and escort the convoy to a parking place down town.

St. Louis dealers planned this motorcade as an educational enterprise and no business will be solicited on the trip.

## Graduation Extravagance

Measured by an economic standard, there isn't any doubt in the world that nearly every high school commencement represents extravagant waste in money and self sacrifice.

Nor can there be any doubt that it would be far wiser, far more sensible, to have these functions governed by simplicity, if we were a simple, wise and sensible people, which we are not, except in spots. There are only a few of us sufficiently educated to be simple; and the number of us truly wise and sensible isn't large enough to boast about, especially if we let others do the measuring. Also we are an extravagant people by nature. We like to make money. We like to spend it. We like to have others know we are spending it. These things apply to the high school commencement problem as well as to our scheme of living generally.

Next to her marriage, a girl's graduation is perhaps the biggest formal event in her life, the one to which she and her mother look forward to with the greatest interest, and one which is among their dearest memories in after years. The measure of the high school commencement is not the dollars and the pennies squandered recklessly, extravagantly, but the sum total of human happiness it gives to those who are a part of it. No one has ever devised a method by which sentiment can be measured in dollars and cents with any satisfactory degree of accuracy.

Here is work for those who want to bring about reform, work with school boards, with teachers, with parents, especially with parents. This will be a long and hard fight, for somehow, in this case, the economic argument does not seem to weigh much.

### WE ALMOST HAD FISH

A bunch of fishermen coming in from what appeared to have been a successful trip Wednesday evening, stopped their auto almost within reach of The Times editor, and extended in our direction a splendid string of bass and crappie. As we were attempting to reach them, the notion to move on evidently possessed the driver of their car, which act deprived us of a tempting repast.

Some might think they never intended to bestow on us those fish, but were simply exhibiting their catch. But we can hardly believe any such explanation. Why would they want to tantalize a hungry newspaper man in such fashion. And yet the thought still persists that those fishermen know our address.

Mrs. Lee Mitchell and little daughter, Dorothy, of Panama, are expected to arrive here Sunday. Mrs. Mitchell has been visiting her parents in Texas for several weeks. She will be the guest of her father- and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Growing crops are generally looking fine, though The Times is informed that some wheat is so poor that it has been turned under and the ground resown to oats or other crops.

## National Lead Co. Annual Report

President Cornish of the National Lead Co. told stockholders at the annual meeting that the company had about \$1,000,000 on deposit in England drawing interest, which it did not care to bring over here at present, due to unfavorable exchange rates. He also pointed out that the company's investment in Argentine has been very favorable to date. He said that the \$2,000,000 earnings of the United States Cartridge Co. were, after deduction of between 60 per cent and 80 per cent of the total profits as taxes to the Government. The company has not yet completed settlement with the treasury department. He continued: "We are not paying such a big dividend, but we could increase it if we thought it were safe as a permanent thing. We will only increase our dividend so far as it can be maintained indefinitely looking so far into the future as reasonable men can see."

"We have borrowed \$1,500,000 since the first of the year. Our business is a seasonal business, and we are customarily borrowers during the first few months of the year. We enjoy the lowest commercial rates, 6 per cent, and during the latter part of the year we are heavy depositors, and draw interest on our bank notes. Our sales sheet, which came to me this morning, shows a remarkable holding up of business."

"We do not give a detailed statement of the various branches of our business and cost, because of the information it would reveal to the competitors. There are three concerns that are now looking over the field that may be viewed as possible competitors. They are the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. and Sherwin-Williams Co., and another concern which has not reached the point where we would like to mention its name."—American Metal Market.

## Good Home for Deserted Infant

On Wednesday of last week, at about 8 o'clock p. m., an infant of about a week was left on the front porch of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Joplin, in Desloge. The presence of the little stranger became known from faint cries, doubtless caused from its loneliness, and it was promptly taken in and cared for.

But as Mr. and Mrs. Joplin have several children of their own, they turned the little stranger over to Mr. and Mrs. Powderly, who on Monday appeared before Juvenile Judge R. C. Tucker and asked for permission to adopt the little one, which permission was granted. Nothing is publicly known as to the parents of the waif, but it is fortunate to have gained admission into the splendid home where it will hereafter reside.

A. J. Blair, manager of the DeSoto Nursery, and Eugene Edgar, an attorney of DeSoto, were business visitors here Monday.

## Infant Dies From Burns

At about 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Odell in some manner secured a match and went into the barn on their place in the northwestern part of town, in which there was considerable hay, both loose and in bales, closed the door and set the hay afire. After the blaze started the little one was apparently prevented by the fire from getting out, and was forced back into the baled hay. Its screams notified its mother of its danger, and in her efforts to force her way through the closed door, which then was blazing, was seriously burned.

Her cries for help brought to the rescue Brent Bryson, a neighbor, who was compelled to tear a hole through the rear of the barn in order to secure the little one, who was frightfully burned before he could be gotten out of the barn, which by that time was in full flames. The child was hurried to Dr. Watkins' office for medical attention, and at first it was thought it would recover, but it had probably been burned internally, as well as externally, and notwithstanding all that could be done for it, death resulted the following day. The mother, whose condition was also critical, is now reported to be convalescing. The remains of the little one was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon.

Just before the child reached the doctor's office, the fire alarm was sounded. The unaccountable delay in turning in the alarm has never yet been explained, though someone must be responsible for this serious offense, which, when the results of the fire are considered, makes it nothing short of criminal neglect. But even after the alarm had been sounded, the fire apparatus was so indescribably slow in reaching the fire that it had burned itself out before the water hose could be turned on the fire.

This lamentable tragedy again demonstrates the need of this city of an auto fire truck, which would be able to reach a fire while there is yet time to accomplish real service.

## Gubernatorial Candidate Here

Hon. Charles H. Mayer, of St. Joseph, Democratic candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination of Missouri, spent a few hours in Farmington last Friday extending his acquaintance among our people. Judge Mayer has a prepossessing appearance, and in conversation impresses one with unusual information and ability. He said that his present trip through the great southeast land was proving a most pleasant surprise to him, admitting that he had never before had first-hand information as to the wonderful productiveness and resources that were everywhere apparent in this section of the grand old State of Missouri.

While he failed to speak here, he impressed all with whom he met of being a man of rather unusual ability, one who would doubtless fill the office of Chief Executive of the State in a manner creditable both to himself and to his constituency, should he be so honored. He stated to a Times reporter that it would be gratifying to him to again visit Farmington during the present campaign, at which time he hoped to be privileged to address the people.

### CHAUTAUQUA SER- MON-LECTURES

Last Sunday was a great day for the protracted meeting at the M. E. Church, South. Twenty-one came forward and professed their faith in Christ and 20 united with the church. Next Sunday will be the closing day. Rev. Wm. A. Tetley will preach three times. In the morning he will hold a "Say-So" service, at which each present will wear a button-hole bouquet. In the afternoon Rev. Tetley will deliver his great sermon on "Home Religion."

This lecture-sermon is the one he used when he was connected with the Redpath Chautauqua and is filled with fun, pathos and religion. It is said to be one of the very best sermon-lectures of that Chautauqua circuit. It is for everybody and all are urged to hear this most entertaining and attractive discourse. At the evening service Mr. Tetley will preach on "The Last Call." Those who have heard this pastor-evangelist are loud in their praise of his strong, clear and effective preaching.

Arrangements have been made for the largest seating capacity in the church and large crowds are hearing the preaching and joining in the enthusiastic singing.

Dr. Edith Johnson will give a free lecture, to ladies only, on "Woman, As God Intended Her to Be," at the home of Mrs. P. G. Hunt, Wednesday, May 19th, at 3 p. m. All ladies are cordially invited.

## Lead Companies Must Pay Taxes

Last week when the report reached Farmington that U. S. Judge Faris had held against St. Francois county in regard to the big suit for practically \$100,000 against the several mining corporations in this county for delinquent taxes, The Times had a "hunch" that such a decision was wrong—that there was some mistake—and this paper failed to make any mention of such report, desiring to wait until the true story came out.

And now the true story in regard to such decision is out, which places an entirely different construction of that decision to what has previously been published. Later information discloses the fact that U. S. Judge Faris had an altogether erroneous understanding as to the status of this tax suit, and by his decision, with the necessary corrections as to the former status of the case, the matter could not be more favorable for an ultimate decision in favor of the county.

The fact is that Judge Faris was in manner misled as to the standing of the case before it reached his court. In other words, his idea was that Collector Croke's compromise of taxes due from the lead companies had the endorsement of the County Court; whereas it is the County Court that has waged such a vigorous fight for the payment of full taxes by the lead companies affected in this suit.

With the idea of getting a correct statement of the issues in this case, as they now appear, a Times reporter on Tuesday interviewed Hon. O. L. Munger, of Piedmont, one of the attorneys employed by the County Court to look after the county's interests in this matter. Mr. Munger had just arrived in Farmington to attend circuit court, which is now in session. He made the following statement, and authorized us to state, for him, that it is true, to the best of his knowledge and belief:

"Judge Faris held that Collector Croke had no legal authority to make a compromise settlement with the lead companies; but he further held that the County Court had ratified such settlement, making such action valid. Up to that time the pleadings county will be amended, embracing all County Court with relation to its efforts to prevent such compromise, and its action in refusing to approve of the Collector's conduct in making such compromise, and to this date has failed to approve of his final settlement."

"The petition on the part of the county will be amended, embracing all the conditions and actions of the County Court in its refusal to join in such compromise, and if the lead companies are to profit by reason of their compromise with the Collector, they will have to secure the approval of the Court of Last Resort."

According to Mr. Munger, Judge Faris has, by the decision already rendered in this case, "burned the bridges behind him," and when the very apparent error in regard to the County Court's approval of such settlement, is corrected, there will be nothing left to do but to render a verdict altogether favorable to the county. Such a decision will be in accord with the position The Times has fought for, against large odds; therefore the present status of this case is exceedingly pleasing to the management of this paper.

## State Hospital Has Prize Cow

Under its present efficient management, State Hospital No. 4 seems destined to take the lead in many things. Hardly a week passes that The Times does not have a story of some improvement or innovation that has been inaugurated there.

This week it is our pleasure to call attention to the record of Pauline, a thoroughbred Holstein, who has been breaking all former records as a milk cow. For some time past she has been producing 28 pounds of milk, morning and evening, which totals 7 gallons daily, a most enviable record, which has seldom been surpassed. Pauline seems to be imbued with the spirit of that institution, and is doing her level best to reduce the h. c. of I.

State Hospital No. 4 has one of the finest herds of Holsteins to be found in Missouri.

### DOUGLASS SCHOOL

The teachers and pupils of Douglass school enjoyed a rare treat Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. O. W. Bleek, Mrs. G. W. Patton and Dr. Jennie Parks spent the entire period there. Mrs. Bleek had her Victrola and favored us with music which charmed the souls, awakened a great desire in us to sing and created in us a greater determination to put some sort of musical instrument into our school. Each one of the visitors addressed the school. Mrs. Patton in her remarks encouraged the pupils in their efforts to sing. Dr. Parks spoke on the subject of hygiene and physiology. Mrs. Bleek confined her remarks to music and its value to the student. The remainder of the period was given to listening to the various selections on the Victrola. The student body sang several selections and few were ready to go home when the hour came. Miss Peugh was unable to be present but will visit later and address the school. We desire to thank these ladies, and especially do we thank Mrs. Bleek, who so willingly and patiently gave the musical treat.

D. F. BAKER,  
E. O. CAYCE.

J. D. Mitchell transacted business in St. Louis Wednesday and Thursday.

## Tornado and Windstorm

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